Dabhol Power Project

440. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total cost of Dabhol Power Company projects; and

(b) the component of Direct Foreign Investment in the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The Government of Maharashtra, in february, 2001, had informed the total estimated cost of the 2184 MW Dabhol Power Projects being implemented by Dabhol Power Company (DPC) in two phases, a US $ 2501.2 Million. This was the revised cost after renegotiation of the project during 1995-96. The Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) have now informed that the total estimated cost of the project is around US $ 2947 million.

(c) As per the approval for foreign collaboration given by the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion), the foreign equity holding in Phase-I of the Dabhol power projects is US $ 434.2 million in Phase-II US $685.7 million.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

New pay scales of officials working in subsidiaries of CIL

†3200. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new pay scales for officials working in various subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd. have been approved since 1st January, 1997;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the officials are getting new pay scales from October, 2000;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that till date no arrear has been paid to them for the period for 1st January, 1997 to September, 2000;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when, all the arrears would be paid to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.